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A Cluster Leader Electronic Message

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Demonstrates limited idea development with few details and/or weak support; may attempt to apply some characteristics of the genre	<input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates development with details/support; support may be unelaborated, irrelevant and/or repetitious; may apply some characteristics of the genre	sufficient details; applies characteristics of the genre
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The writing: <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates logical, effective	The writing: <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates logical, effective	

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Cluster Leader Updates

Due to the volume of email received recently, many common questions/concerns will be answered via this CLEM.

Beginning in January, elementary and middle school cluster leaders will have a KDE consultant. At that time, I will send names and emails of these new consultants. Elementary and middle school questions should be directed to those consultants at that time.

If you have cluster leader updates/replacements, please follow these directions carefully.

If you have a cluster leader replacement, please email your grade-level consultant in January with the name of the new cluster leader, the name of the former cluster leader, and the name of the school/district. Please also make sure to register that person's information at http://oapd.kde.state.ky.us/cluster/cluster_leader_information.htm

Cluster leaders will be invited to the online community and spring training via this online registration, so if you have not registered your information via this site, please do so at your earliest convenience.

- [Cluster Leader Training Materials](#)
- [Teaching the Writer DVD](#)
- [Literacy without Limits DVD](#)
- [Developing Standards-Based Units of Study, revised 2007](#)
- [Developing Quality Open-Response Items for the Classroom](#)

Research

- [Beliefs about the Teaching of Writing from NCTE](#)
- [NCTE Policy Brief — Writing Now](#)
- [The Alliance for Excellent Education — reports and policy briefs](#)
- [Making Writing Instruction a Priority in America's Middle and High Schools](#)

If you need new cluster leader training for your cluster leader, please use the online resources from the 2007 and 2008 trainings available at

<http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Instructional+Resources/High+School/English+Language+Arts/Writing/Writing++Cluster+Leader+Training+Materials.htm>

You may also utilize the new cluster leader recorded session from 2007 at <http://kde.webex.com> under "Recorded Sessions," September 2007.

The spring training window has been set for March 2-27, 2009. CTL will begin registering cluster leaders during January. You will receive information from CTL regarding your registration.

Cluster Leader Online Community

Cluster leaders who registered through the online system will be enrolled in the online community. **You will receive email instructions from Linda Leugers about how to access the community.**

Because we have nearly 1400 cluster leaders, teachers will be enrolled in groups of 50 and these groups will be staggered to reduce potential problems. Again, if you are a cluster leader who has not registered your information online, please do so at

http://oapd.kde.state.ky.us/cluster/cluster_leader_information.htm

If you have already done so, please do not register again.

Announcing the 21st Century Skills and English Map

On Nov. 24, [The 21st Century Skills and English Map](#), a new framework that provides educators with teacher-created models of how 21st century skills can be infused into English classes, was released by the Partnership for 21st Century Skills and the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE).

For more information, including a full press release,

- [Literacy in the Content Areas: Getting to the Core of Middle and High School Improvement](#)



Cluster Leader Timeline

Each month, we provide suggestions for cluster leaders to keep them on track to be ready for scoring in the spring. During this time of the year, we recommend that you:

- monitor student progress for portfolio development; check with counseling staff about any unique student situations (e.g., transfer students, etc.)
- meet with DAC to plan spring schedule (e.g., scoring training, scoring session, etc.)

For more suggestions, please see page 157 of Part I of the *Kentucky Writing Handbook*.

visit <http://www.21stcenturyskills.org/index.php> the link above.

Upcoming Conferences

[KCTE](#)—February 28-29, 2009 Galt House, Louisville, KY

****There was not a November CLEM.***

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